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Newsletter #12:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

I hope everyone had a nice week. Here is the latest:

Kolbe & Fanning Sale 145 - April 22, 2017

Kolbe & Fanning has a nice group of books and catalogs available in their upcoming April auction. Libraries from Tom Cederlind, who died last December and longtime dealer and scholar Italo Vecchi have books in this sale for offer. The auction house is also offering a new platform for buying as they have their own app available on iPhone and Android. There are 443 books on offer. I've been working the last 6 months to build my own personal library so the folks at Kolbe & Fanning have been helpful in filling my shelves.

CNG 105 - May 10, 2017

I've been spending a lot of time perusing the lots of the upcoming CNG mail bid sale. CNG has auctions every two weeks like clockwork with no paper catalog to accompany. This massive sale of 1,246 coins ranging from Greek, Roman, Byzantine and World is set to close on May 10. I was able to view some of the sale at the trade show in Chicago and there are a lot of interesting pieces. If anyone needs help with this auction I am at your service.

Nomos 14 - May 17, 2017

Nomos has been a little quiet lately with the changing of the guards at their auction house. The very friendly Dimitrios Gerathanasis is now working alongside Dr. Alan Walker, the lead numismatist. They have not disappointed in this upcoming auction. The auction of 504 coins features selections from the Stoecklin Collection. The collection has several impressive pedigrees and the estimates seem reasonable to low. I immediately noticed lot 69 which is a signed dekadrachm of Euainetos. While the coin does have a fair amount of corrosion it is still an impressive piece and has a pedigree boasting an attestation from the late and great numismatist E.S.G. Robinson of the British Museum. The coin has an incredibly low estimate of 10,000 SFR. I

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CSNS (Central States Numismatic Society) - Trade show - April 26-30, 2017

The CSNS is largely a U.S., world coin and paper money show with a smattering of ancient dealers exhibiting. The show takes place in my backyard, Schaumburg, IL so I will likely walk the show one day. I'm also looking forward to seeing the presentation on Thursday, April 27 by Len Augsburg. Len is the driving force behind the Newman Numismatic Portal. The NNP is an ongoing project of scanning books, periodicals and such in the area of U.S. coins and currency. This exciting project will hopefully encompass ancient coins in the future.

Coin of the Week

Augustus, 27 BC -14 AD. Lugdunum (Lyon) Mint, c. 15 BC. AR Denarius, 3.78g (19mm, 5h)

AVGVSTVS DIVI • F, bare head right / IMP • X in exergue, bull butting right, left forefoot raised, lashing his tail

Price: \$3,250

When this coin was struck in 15 BC, it was only five years since the Rome mint was reopened. Along with Rome, another mint at Lugdunum (modern day Lyon, France) was widely used for striking coinage. Coins in gold and silver were actively struck as publicity for the Roman emperor. A youthful Augustus is pictured on the obverse of this coin. In 15 BC he was already married to his second wife Livia for 23 years (he divorced his second wife Scribonia, mother of his only child Julia, in 39 BC). Julia's two young sons, Gaius and Lucius were still alive at the time and being primed to take over later from Augustus. He also was providing employment to his two stepsons, future emperor Tiberius and his brother Drusus. Both boys were sent on a military campaign and successfully extended the Roman empire from Italy to the upper Danube.

References: RIC 77a; Lyon 19; RSC 137; BMCRE 451-3; BN 1373-82

Grade: Beautiful iridescence and full beautiful strike. Legend on left not fully struck, otherwise vibrant Mint State

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com.

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Until next week!

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